

## MASTER BREEDERS' CERTIFICATE GUIDELINES

(ADOPTED)

January 8, 1998

The following guidelines as amended and adopted by the general membership meeting on January 8, 1998, at San Bernardino, CA, shall govern the Master Breeders' Award as presented by the National Pigeon Association.

1. Applicant must have been a member of the National Pigeon Association in good standing for the three consecutive years prior to his application. Membership for the year in which the application is submitted can not be considered as the third year of this membership requirement.
2. The applicant must prove that he or she has bred and shown the breed for which the application is being made for at least ten years prior to the application for this award. The applicant must list a show record for at least ten years on the application. It is not necessary that the ten years be consecutive, however, it is preferred.
3. Whenever possible, the specialty club secretary for that breed should sign and submit the application. Individuals may submit their own application. Letters of recommendation from current Master Breeders and/or other highly regarded and respected N.P.A. Members in the breed are helpful.
4. All birds listed on the show record must have been bred by the applicant for this award.
5. It is the intent of the Master Breeder committee to present this high award to those individuals who are truly master breeders of their breed. The committee shall expect to find Grand Champions and other special winners at Grand Nationals and N.P.A. District Meets on the application. Competition must be evident and the applicant should have entered birds in shows out of his local area. Young bird shows (unless of major importance), lawn shows and county fairs shall not be listed on the application.

It is expected that an applicant for the National Pigeon Association Master Breeder Award not only have several meaningful wins in various sections of the country, he or she should also have made a significant impact on the breed and/or others in that breed. In no less than 100 words, tell us why you think you should be a recipient of this award and how you have impacted and contributed to your breed. Prestigious judging assignments are a plus.

6. Any application not received by the N.P.A. Secretary prior to October 1st of the application year, shall not be considered by the Committee until the following year.
7. Application forms must be complete in every detail. The forms must be neat and legible, incomplete or unacceptable forms will be returned for re-submittal.